Over hauling of CSIR

1172. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "CSIR may be overhauled", which appeared in The Hindu, dated the 23rd, June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that proposed overhauling does not prevent the CSIR from functioning the tune with the scientific and technological environment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per CSIR Rules & Regulations, the performance of each laboratory?Institute is to be assessed at least once in every three years by a Performance Appraisal Board (PAB), constituted for the specific purpose. Accordingly, PABs were constituted for the assessment of the CSIR laboratories. All the PABs have met and appraised the performance. Proceedings of the PAB meetings held in respect of each of the labs/ instts. have been finalised. The analysis of the proceedings to arrive at the final conclusions is in process so that the overall strategy for CSIR could be worked out.

Closing of seismic activity observatories at Bhakra Dam

1173. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Meteorological Department is likely to close its seismic activity observatories at Bhakra Dam;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) from where the Dam authorities would get feedback on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEAPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir.